MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, FEBRUARY 22, 2011:

A meeting of the Environmental Committee of the Palmdale Water District was held Tuesday, February 22, 2011, at 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, California, in the Board Room of the District office. Chair Godin called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m.

1) **Roll Call.**

Attendance:	**Others Present:**
Environmental Committee:	Dennis LaMoreaux, General Manager
Linda Godin, Chair	Jon Pernula, Water & Energy Resources Mngr.
Gordon Dexter, Committee Member	Matt Knudson, Engineering Manager
	Claudette Roberts, Water Conservation Spvsr.
	Dawn Deans, Executive Assistant
	0 members of the public

2) **Adoption of Agenda.**

It was moved by Committee Member Dexter, seconded by Chair Godin, and unanimously carried to adopt the agenda, as written.

3) **Public Comments.**

There were no public comments.

4) **Action Items:**

4.1) Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes of Meetings Held December 7, 2010 and January 17, 2011.

It was moved by Committee Member Dexter, seconded by Chair Godin, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Environmental Committee meetings held December 7, 2010 and January 17, 2011, as written.

4.2) Review of the District's Overall Energy Programs. (Committee Member Dexter)

Water & Energy Resources Manager Pernula provided an overview of the District's energy programs including efforts to reduce the District's Gas and Edison prices through continuous evaluation of our accounts; the cost of electricity at the District's

facilities by category; quarterly electricity costs; a list of the District's accounts along with time-of-use, super-off-peak, and rate structures designated for each account; and gas commodity pricing based on the market and on fixed rates and then stated that the hydro-electric plant at Palmdale Lake was commissioned in 2008, the wind turbine at the water treatment plant was constructed in 2004, and the solar array panels at the shop building were completed in 2003.

He then stated that the District operates at a high rate of efficiency, and energy companies have been unable to offer assistance and ideas to further reduce the District's costs.

4.3) Status Report on Natural Solutions, Inc. Soil Bio-Remediation Pilot Program With Antelope Valley Union High School District. (Brian Cox, Natural Solutions, Inc.)

Water Conservation Supervisor Roberts stated that Brian Cox, of Natural Solutions, is hopeful there will be progress at the high school site in the spring; that pictures of this site have not yet been developed; that another school in the area is interested in the product if this pilot program is successful; that she has requested additional information on microbes and the Natural Solutions products to provide to our customers; and that Mr. Cox conducted a previous landscape workshop at the District and can be scheduled for a future workshop.

4.4) Discussion of Determining Monthly or Quarterly Meetings for the Environmental Committee.

Committee Member Dexter suggested the Committee meet every other month, and Chair Godin concurred.

Chair Godin then stated that Agenda Item No. 6 will now be considered.

6) Board Members' Requests for Future Agenda Items.

Chair Godin stated that "Status Report on Natural Solutions, Inc. Soil Bio-Remediation Pilot Program With Antelope Valley Union High School District. (Brian Cox, Natural Solutions, Inc.)" and "Review of pricing under the District's Energy Programs" will be included on the next agenda.

It was then determined that the next Environmental Committee meeting will be held April 5, 2011 at 5:15 p.m.

Chair Godin then stated that Agenda Item No. 5 will now be considered.

5) **Information Items.**

There were no information items to discuss.

7) **Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the Environmental Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

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Chair

COMMITTEE ELIMINATED JULY 13, 2011
BY BOARD PRESIDENT